

trade, shall not hereafter be charged with Treasury fees or Exchequer fees of any description.

And it is hereby further ordered, that in order to entitle the captors to receive the said bounty money, the number of men, women, and children so taken, delivered over, and condemned, shall be proved to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by producing a copy, duly certified, of the sentence or decree of condemnation, and also a certificate under the hand of the proper officer or officers, military or civil, who may be appointed to receive such slaves.

And it is further ordered, that where any slaves, or persons treated, dealt with, carried, kept, or detained as slaves, shall be taken or seized on board any British or Portuguese ship or vessel, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Treaty, and of this Order, but who shall not have been condemned, or shall not have been delivered over in consequence of death, sickness, or other inevitable circumstance, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, if to them, in their discretion, it shall seem meet, by warrant signed by any three or more of them, to direct the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of a sum not exceeding one moiety of the bounty which would have been due in each case, respectively, if the said slaves had been delivered over and condemned.

And it is further ordered, that any party or parties claiming any benefit by way of bounty under the provisions of this Order, or of any share of the proceeds of any Portuguese vessel confiscated in pursuance of the provisions of the aforesaid Treaty, shall and may resort to the High Court of Admiralty for the purpose of obtaining the judgment of the said Court in that behalf; and that it shall and may be lawful for the Judge of the said High Court of Admiralty to determine thereon; and also to hear and determine any question of joint capture which may arise upon any seizure made in pursuance of this Order, and enforce any decrees or sentences of the said Vice-Admiralty Courts relating to any such seizure.

And it is hereby further ordered, that all the provisions, rules, regulations, forfeitures, and penalties now in force, respecting the delivery by prize agents of accounts for examination, and the distribution of prize money, and the accounting for and paying over the proceeds of prize, and the per centage due thereon to Greenwich Hospital, shall be and are hereby extended to all bounties and proceeds to be distributed under the provisions

of this Order, to the officers and crews of any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels of war.

And it is hereby further ordered, that when any seizure shall be made, or prosecution instituted as or for the violation of any of the provisions of this Order, and judgment shall be given against the seizer or prosecutor, or such seizure shall be relinquished by him, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, if to their discretion it shall seem meet, by warrant signed by any three or more of them, to direct payment to be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of such costs, damages, and expences as the said seizer or prosecutor may be liable to pay in respect of such seizure, or any proportionate part thereof; and also such costs and expences as the said seizer may have incurred in respect of such seizure.

And it is hereby further ordered, that it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, if to their discretion it shall seem meet, by warrant signed by three or more of them, to direct payment to be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of any sum of money awarded by the Mixed Commission Courts to be due on account of any unlawful seizure or detention by any of Her Majesty's authorized cruizers; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall exempt the seizer from his liability to make good the payments so made, when lawfully called upon by order of the said Commissioners.

And it is hereby further ordered, that if any of the things specified in the article of the said Treaty shall be found on board any vessel which shall be detained and brought before either of the said Mixed Commissions, neither the master nor the owner, nor any person whatsoever interested in the equipment or cargo of the vessel, shall recover any compensation or damages for such detention, although the said Mixed Commissions should not pronounce any sentence of condemnation.

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Aberdeen, the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

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